

## ***THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY***

**June 2010 – Week 3**

**Air Date: June 20 – June 26 (Sunday – Saturday)**



### **TITLE: BATTLE REDUX**

JUNE 1864 SAME BATTLEFIELD, DIFFERENT WAR.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

JUNE 25, 1864. BROWNSVILLE. UNION FORCES OCCUPY THE TOWN. READY TO TAKE IT BACK, CONFEDERATE COLONEL “RIP” FORD GETS WORD THAT THE FEDERALS ARE HEADING OUT.

FINDING UNION TROOPS IN LAS RUSIAS, NEAR THE RIO GRANDE, FORD ATTACKS. MEXICAN-BORN CAPTAIN REFUGIO BENAVIDES AND HIS CAVALRY HIT THE UNION FLANK HARD. OUTNUMBERED, THE FEDERALS FLEE – SOME ACROSS THE RIVER TO MEXICO.

IRONICALLY, U.S. TROOPS WERE ATTACKED HERE BEFORE – EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO, THIS TIME BY MEXICAN TROOPS UNDER SANTA ANNA. THE BATTLE LED TO THE MEXICAN WAR.

THE SECOND BATTLE OF LAS RUSIAS HAPPENED 146 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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HANDBOOK OF TEXAS – LAS RUSIAS

<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/LL/hrlcs.html>

**Civil War and Revolution on the Rio Grande Frontier, Jerry Thompson and Lawrence T. Jones, Texas State Historical Association, 2004**

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